

[Translation]

Establishment of Industries by Panchayati Raj

2750. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Panchayati Raj has established industries in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh so as to strengthen the economy and to overcome the unemployment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons likely to get employment from such industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) Panchayati Raj being State subject the details in regard to establishing industries in rural areas and number of persons likely to get employment from such industries in the State of Uttar Pradesh are not maintained by this Ministry.

[English]

Efficiency Unit

2751. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :

SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up an efficiency unit for priority areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) An Efficiency Unit has been constituted w.e.f. 7.2.97 as a part of the Cabinet Secretariat in order to undertake result-oriented studies on priority areas like the re-organisation of Central Government and its agencies, privatisation and contracting-out of services, inter-departmental coordination, greater departmental autonomy, performance contracts and flexible staffing, required amendments to relevant laws and procedures and follow up actions on the recommendations of various Expert Groups. This is in pursuance of the thrust of the Government for effective and responsive administration. The Unit is located in the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.

2. It has been decided that the Policy Division of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances consisting of a Deputy Secretary, an Under

Secretary and supporting staff would service the Efficiency Unit, which will be placed under the Additional Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances for day-to-day supervision.

[Translation]

Power Sub-Stations at Azamgarh

2752. DR. BALIRAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether many power sub-stations at Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh are not functioning;

(b) if so, the reasons and details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make these operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) As per information given by Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board, the Power Sub-station Azamgarh district are working. However, some Sub-stations are old and overloaded due to which sometimes power supply is affected.

(b) The supply to consumers of Azamgarh Tehsil is being made through 2x20 MVA 132/33 KV Sub-station, Azamgarh and 8 Nos. other 33/11 KV Sub-stations out of which the Transformers (10+5 MVA, 33/11 KV) at 132 Sub-station, Azamgarh and 5 other places are overloaded.

The switchgears at old 33/11 KV Sub-station also frequently breaks-down due to which power supply is affected.

(c) Two nos. new 33/11 KV, 5 MVA Sub-stations i.e. at Zagarpur and Bhanwarnath are proposed for construction so as to reduce the over-loading at the existing Sub-stations. The UPSEB has informed that subject to availability of funds the work will be included in the programme for 1997-98.

Use of Official Language

2753. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry propose to implement the national language Hindi, as an official language;

(b) whether the Chairman and Members of the Official Language Implementation Committee, who are entrusted with the task of implementation of Hindi at all levels in his Ministry, do not use Hindi in their official work;

(c) if so, the manner in which the use of official language Hindi will be encouraged; and

(d) the reasons for allowing use of English in his Ministry and the time upto which this system will continue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Efforts are made to use Hindi in official work as per the guidelines on the subject, as far as possible.

(c) and (d) Department of Official Language Ministry of Home Affairs issues instructions on the use of Hindi and prepares various programmes, plans and schemes like incentive schemes for original noting/drafting in official work, grant of incentive allowance to Stenographers and Typists for doing their official work in Hindi in addition to English, incentives for writing original books in Hindi etc. for propagation of Hindi in various Ministries/Departments. These programmes, plans and schemes are being implemented by this Ministry to the extent possible.

Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

2754 SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the length of roads in kilometres constructed in the rural areas of Sambhal district in Uttar Pradesh under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana during 1996-97; and

(b) the amount spent out of the sanctioned amount and the reasons for not spending the remaining funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) There is no district called Sambhal in Uttar Pradesh. Sambhal is a block of Moradabad district. Under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) block-wise information is not maintained at the Central level.

[English]

Fire at Jhansi Oil Depot

2755 SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3946 dated December 18, 1996 and state :

(a) the details of the report of High Level Committee set up to go into causes of fire in Jhansi Oil Depot of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.;

(b) the action taken against erring Indian Oil Corporation officials; and

(c) the compensation given to the dependents of the employees who died in the incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) The main finding of the High Level Committee set up by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. to go into the causes of the fire in the Jhansi Depot on 19-11-1996 is that most probably the cause of the fire could be either static charge accumulation due to loose earthing connection or a spark from a defective spark arrestor of a tank truck entering MS vapours that were being displaced from the truck under filling on Bay No. 2 at the Depot.

(b) The Depot Manager Incharge of Jhansi Depot at the time of the incident has been placed under suspension and a supervisory workman has also been placed under suspension and chargesheeted.

(c) The IOC has paid the following compensation to the families of the fire victims :

- (i) Rs. 2,37,900 was paid in the case of one of the deceased IOC employees and Rs. 2,10,180 was paid to the other deceased employee.
- (ii) Rs. 50,000 each was paid to the eight deceased persons other than the IOC employees.
- (iii) Rs. 10,000 each was paid to two injured persons. IOC also organised the movement of 3 serious burn cases from local hospitals to hospitals in Delhi and paid for the treatment.

J.R.Y.

2756. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated and actually utilised under JRY for Maharashtra during the last three years and achievements reported thereon;

(b) the details of funds allocated for the current year and target fixed for the purpose;

(c) whether review of performance/implementation of JRY was undertaken recently and deficiencies noticed and action taken for removal of the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the major cases of financial irregularities/manipulations and frauds noticed in implementation and action taken against the defaulting officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The amount allocated and actually utilized under Jawahar Rozgar